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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the current Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached
in the Appendix.

ABSTRACT

A supporting sleeve configured for introduction into a penetration in a component. The hole of the supporting sleeve is penetrated by a fixing pin that is insertable into a carrier so as to fix the component on a carrier. The supporting sleeve includes a closed ring-shaped cross section and a plurality of axially and inwardly extending recesses extending over the entire length of the supporting sleeve and each of the recesses is formed by inwardly bent walls and a base connecting those walls, the walls being generally radially oriented and configured such that when radial pressure is applied to the supporting sleeve upon introduction into the penetration, each recess moves closer to each other.